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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Interview on October 9, 2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 25, 27-31 and 33-41.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with applicant representative on October 9, 2006.

The application filed on May 8, 2006, has been amended as follows:

Please renumber claim "37" starting on page 4 as claim number "38".

Please renumber claim number "38" on page 4 as claim number "39".

Please renumber claim number "39" on page 4 as claim number "40".

Please renumber claim number "40" on page 4 as claim number "41" and delete [claim 39] in line 1 and insert "claim 40" to follow dependency.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 25, 27-31, 33-41 allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

No prior art fairly teach or suggest a power strip (**claim 25**) comprising:

a power cord being equipped with two or more prongs for connecting to a power outlet; and

a single housing having a plurality of A/C power outlets disposed therein, the single housing enclosing a smoke detector and a smoke detection control switch.

No prior art fairly teach or suggest a power strip (**claim 34**) comprising:
a power cord having first and second ends, the first end
being equipped with two or more prongs for connecting to a power
outlet; and

a single housing having a plurality of A/C power outlets
disposed therein, the single housing enclosing a power source
electrically coupled to the second end of the power cord, a
smoke detector and a smoke detection control switch.

No prior art fairly teach or suggest a method (**claim 40**) for automatically
terminating power flow to devices equipped to receive power via an A/C power outlet,
the method comprising the steps of:

(a) coupling a power strip having a single housing with one
or more A/C power outlets disposed therein and enclosing a smoke
detector and a smoke detection control switch to an A/C power
outlet;

(b) plugging electrically powered devices into the one or
more A/C power outlets disposed within the single housing;

(e) detecting smoke by the smoke detector; and

(f) creating a trigger voltage that causes the smoke
detection control switch to restrict power flow to the one or
more A/C power outlets disposed within the single housing.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

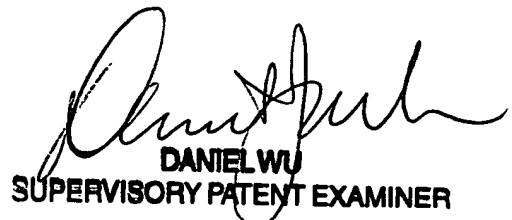
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lam P. Pham whose telephone number is 571-272-2977. The examiner can normally be reached on 10AM-7PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Daniel J. Wu can be reached on 571-272-2964. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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